

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-9 are pending and are rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 are amended. Claim 2 is amended to conform to the changes made to claim 1.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Responsive to the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,548,832 ("Karam") in view of the Background section of the present application, applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention, and submit that claim 1, and dependent claims 2-7, are patentable because Karam and the Background section of the present application, considered singly and in combination, do not disclose or suggest a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus comprising a user interface operative to allow a user to select one of first and second modes of operation and in the first mode of operation, a power illumination is automatically turned on only when the video apparatus is powered on, as recited in amended claim 1, and there is no motivation to combine the two as discussed below.

In particular, amended claim 1 recites a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus, comprising:

a power indicator illumination; and

a user interface, wherein

the user interface is operative to allow a user to select one of first and second modes of operation, in the first mode of operation, the power indicator illumination is automatically turned on only when the video apparatus is powered on, and in the second mode of

operation, the power indicator illumination is turned off when the video apparatus is powered on. (Emphasis added.)

Support for the underlined features can be found, for example, on FIG. 2 and at page 3, lines 7-15.

By contrast, Karam discloses a portable scanning radio receiver that allows a user to enable or disable an auto-light feature. See col. 4, lines 32-33. The auto-light feature allows the portable scanning radio receiver to turn on a backlight to illuminate a LCD attached to the radio when a signal is received and turn off the backlight when an internal timer expires or the signal goes away. See the Abstract and col. 6, lines 18-23. If no signal is detected by the squelch circuits 24, a user can use a light switch to turn on the backlight if the backlight is off or turn off the backlight after a time interval if the backlight is on. See FIG. 2, blocks 44, 46, 48, 50, 56, and 58. The user may also use the light switch to alter the enabling and disabling state of the auto-light feature. See FIG. 2, blocks 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 60, 62, 64, 66, and 68.

However, in the auto-light mode (may be interpreted as the first mode of operation), the backlight (may be interpreted as the power indicator illumination) may not turn on when the radio (may be interpreted as the video apparatus) is powered on because the backlight turns on only when the squelch circuits detect the presence of incoming signal. This is not surprise because the backlight is an indication that a radio signal has been received, not a power indicator and should not be interpreted as the power indicator illumination, as recited in amended claim 1. As such, even interpreting the radio most favorable to Karam, Karam still does not disclose or suggest that a power indicator illumination is automatically turned on only when the video apparatus is powered on in a first mode of operation, as recited in amended claim 1.

Although when the radio is powered on but the squelch circuits do not detect a radio signal, a user can manually turn on the backlight, as described at col. 5, lines 4-7, the backlight, even if it is interpreted as the power indicator illumination, is not automatically turned on, as recited in amended claim 1.

The Background section in the present application discloses that the operating status of a LCD TV can be indicated by LEDs. See page 1, lines 19-22. However, it does not disclose or suggest that these LEDs can be used as power indicator as well, as recited in amended claim 1. The Background section also does not disclose or suggest that a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus comprising a user interface operative to allow a user to select one of first and second modes of operation, in the first mode of operation, a power illumination is automatically turned on only when the video apparatus is powered on, and in the second mode of operation, the power indicator illumination is turned off when the video apparatus is powered on, as recited in amended claim 1.

Thus, the combination of the Background section of the present application and Karam still fails to disclose or suggest a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus comprising a user interface operative to allow a user to select one of first and second modes of operation and in the first mode of operation, a power illumination is automatically turned on only when the video apparatus is powered on, as recited in amended claim 1.

Second, the combination still does not arrive at the claimed invention because the resulting backlight is still not a power indicator.

Third, there is no motivation to modify Karam with the teaching from the Background section of the present invention, because the backlight in Karam is already a status indicator: it indicates that a radio signal is received.

Lastly, Karam and the Background section of the present invention solve two completely different problems. Karam is concerned with turning off the backlight to save the battery life in a portable radio, while the Background section of the present invention is concerned about showing the status of the light source of a LCD TV using LEDs. Thus, there is no motivation to modify the radio in Karam to incorporate the teaching from the Background section of the present invention, because the radio does not have the problems of a LCD TV as described in the Background section of the present application.

In light of the fact that the combination of Karam and the Background of the invention does not disclose or suggest a system for indicating the status of a video apparatus comprising a user interface operative to allow a user to select one of first and second modes of operation and in the first mode of operation, a power illumination is automatically turned on only when the video apparatus is powered on, as recited in amended claim 1, and there is no motivation to combine the two, applicants submit that amended claim 1, and dependent claims 2-7, are patentable over Karam and the Background section of the present invention.

35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Responsive to the rejection of claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Karam, applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner because Karam does not disclose or suggest a power indicator illumination. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution, applicants have amended claim 8 to

incorporate similar features recited in amended claim 1, and amended claim 9 to correct informalities and to incorporate similar features recited in amended claim 2. For similar reasons discussed above with respect to amended claim 1, applicants submit that claims 8 and 9 are patentable over Karam.

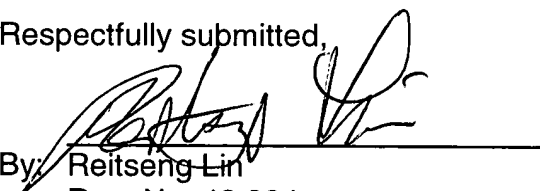
Conclusion

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6813, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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